

VZCZCXRO0977
RR RUEHIK
DE RUEHUP #0106 0541425
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
R 231425Z FEB 10
FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC 4933
INFO RUEHZL/EUROPEAN POLITICAL COLLECTIVE
RUCPDO/DEPT OF COMMERCE WASHDC
RUEATRS/DEPT OF TREASURY WASHDC

UNCLAS BUDAPEST 000106

SIPDIS

DEPARTMENT FOR EUR/CE JMOORE, L/MCANNON, EB, OES; TREASURY
FOR HLOUIE, ERIC MEYER, JEFF BAKER, LARRY NORTON; COMMERCE
FOR SSAVICH

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: [EFIN](#) [ECON](#) [PREL](#) [HU](#)

SUBJECT: PARLIAMENT APPROVES BILATERAL TAX TREATY AND S&T
AGREEMENT

REF: BUDAPEST 75

In late night votes during its last session before adjourning for April's national elections, the Hungarian Parliament ratified the recently signed U.S.-Hungary Tax Treaty and the U.S.-Hungary Science and Technology Agreement. Both agreements were unanimously approved without abstentions. The agreements now will go to President Laszlo Solyom for signature. Solyom has typically signed such ratifying bills, and we believe the unanimous approval by Parliament makes this even more likely in this case. (Note: Although largely pro forma, the president does have the authority to refer bills to the Constitutional Court for an advisory opinion if they raise constitutional questions, or return them to Parliament for further consideration if there are other technical concerns. End note.)
KOUNALAKIS